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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I am inspired by all the organizations, communities, and neighbors helping those in need by providing food, essential services, or just listening and empathizing. The people of Hawai'i have shown their true spirit of aloha.

Much remains to be done before we are fully able to phase-in reopening. The Governor, in consultation with the Mayors, will lift the interisland quarantine on Tuesday, June 16. This is prudent and allows for interisland travel for our residents. Yet, much remains to be done before we are fully operational again. Before then, please maintain social distancing and practices that will ensure that the COVID-19 disease remains contained.

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HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI, MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



MAUI COUNTY SENATORS ANNOUNCE OVER \$532 MILLION IN PROJECT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021

Senators English, Baker and Keith-Agaran recently announced that a total of \$532.940 million in Capital Improvement Project funds and General Obligation Bonds has been set aside for projects in their respective districts for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

"In light of the State's current financial crisis, the Maui delegation was able to secure large amounts of resources to address various improvement needs across Maui Nui," said Sen. English. "While the financial impact of COVID-19 is still unclear, many of these projects are shovel-ready and will help our communities as we begin to reopen our economy."

"The monies allocated to Waiapanapa State Park in Hāna is an example of a shovel-ready project that will create jobs for local residents and allow for much needed improvements," added Sen. English.

Projects in the following categories include:

**Public School:** \$17 million for a new classroom building at Pa'ia Elementary and \$10.405 million for softball and baseball facilities at King Kekaulike High School.



In addition, Maui Nui schools will receive up to \$13.615 million from the Department of Education's repair and maintenance lump sum appropriation, with projects identified at Pa'ia Elementary, King Kekaulike High, Kualapu'u Elementary, Moloka'i High, Moloka'i Middle, Hā'iku Elementary and Makawao Elementary.

**Health:** \$6 million for improvements and renovations for Maui Health Systems (Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lāna'i Community Hospital) and \$3 million for the plan and design of parking facilities at Maui Memorial Medical Center.

**Parks:** \$4 million for the restroom, wastewater system, parking lot paving, and road improvements for Waiapanapa State Park.

**Highways:** \$110 million for the Pa'ia bypass.

**Airports:** \$38 million for improvements at the Kahului Airport; and \$4 million for improvements to Hāna and Lāna'i Airports.

**Agriculture:** \$9.3 million for improvements to the Moloka'i irrigation system



## LEGISLATURE RECONVENES ON JUNE 22



In an abbreviated mid-May session, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed a number of bills to address the \$1 billion shortfall in the State budget and also set aside \$1.3 billion in the State's rainy day fund.

With less than one month left in the State's current fiscal year, legislative leaders are planning to reconvene the session on June 22 to continue deliberation on a number of critical bills. They are also waiting to see if States will be receiving additional funds from Congress through the proposed HEROES ACT.

The HEROES Act, which passed the House of Representatives in late-May is a \$3 trillion relief package that includes additional relief to individual States, enhanced resources for COVID-19 testing, payroll protection and other relief measures. The measure is before the US Senate for consideration.

For more information on the HEROES Act, visit <https://bit.ly/2Bt4dbT>.

## FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



**\$250,000** was released for construction of a new facility and other improvements for substance abuse treatment, homeless youth services, behavioral health and other support for under-served youth, families, and adults at Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc.

**\$110,163.13** was transferred from design into construction to supplement construction costs for improvements to water systems in East Maui.

## SENATE LEADERSHIP THANKS THE HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR STATEWIDE COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS



Sen. President Ronald Kouchi and Sen. English thanks the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) for their efforts with the Hawai'i Resilience Fund (HRF), which was created to rapidly deploy resources to nonprofits and health care providers who are working on the ground to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Hawai'i.

residents. Phase I and II grants have been distributed to organizations that can assist with rent and utilities, increase coronavirus testing and personal protection equipment, provide food for those who are newly unemployed, and offer childcare support for essential workers, among the many other important needs for our society at this time. Phases III and IV focus on recovery and stabilization and rebuilding resilience in Hawai'i.

HCF recently announced a program to provide relief to licensed home-based child care providers across the State, who are eligible for federal support, but have not been able to access it. The fund seeks to lessen the potential for permanent closure of child-care programs, especially in areas where home-based care is the primary option for families. The programs are an important element in the State's ability to get residents back to work and to stabilize the economy.

In disaster preparedness and response, HFC has a unique role. The foundation collaborates with disaster relief organizations, community groups, and the private sector, for a coordinated effort and maximum community impact. From the flooding on the North Shore of Kaua'i to volcano eruptions on Hawai'i Island, HCF distributes grant funds quickly to community organizations that are meeting the needs of response efforts.

The HCF Resilience Fund was launched on March 18 and has thus far received more than \$11.1 million in funds, including \$3 million from the Bank of Hawai'i Foundation, \$1 million from the Omidyar 'Ohana Fund, and dozens of other gifts from businesses, foundations and online donors. In just eight weeks, more than \$6.8 million has been granted to 48 nonprofit partners across the State who provide services to a wide range of target populations and geographies across Hawai'i. The target groups includes children, kūpuna, essential workers and those suffering from the economic ramifications of the coronavirus.

"Across the State, the Hawaii Community Foundation has provided hope for many people in Hawai'i during one of our most difficult times," expressed Sen. English. "We are incredibly grateful."

HCF's grant-making approach is prioritized through four phases, which has a specific focus on supporting Hawai'i's most vulnerable

For more information about the Hawai'i Resilience Fund and HCF's work to support Hawai'i's residents during this unique time, visit <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/coronavirus>

# HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (HIDOE) GRAB-AND-GO PROGRAM TRANSITION TO SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM



HIDOE's Grab-and-Go program will transition to a summer meals program.

Maui District schools that will resume service without interruption include: 'Iao, Kalamā and Lāna'i High & Intermediate schools.

Parents may pick up student meals without their child(ren) present but must provide one of the following verification documents: official letter or email from school listing child(ren) enrolled; recent student report card(s); attendance record(s) from parent portals of school websites; birth certificate(s) of child(ren); student ID card(s); driver's permit/license(s) for high school students; or a State-issued ID of the student.

Most sites will serve breakfast and lunch while others will offer lunch only. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Maui grab-n-go sites that will be closed through the summer break include: Moloka'i High, Hāna High and Elementary; and Kahului, Kiloohana and Maunaloa Intermediate schools.

Meal distribution at summer sites will continue to provide grab-and-go servings in walk-up and drive-thru lines. Dine-in options will not be available. All children ages 18 and younger can receive one school breakfast and one lunch daily. Children do not have to be enrolled at the school distribution site and do not have to be public school students.



## COUNCIL OF REVENUES PROJECT MAJOR ECONOMIC DOWNFALL

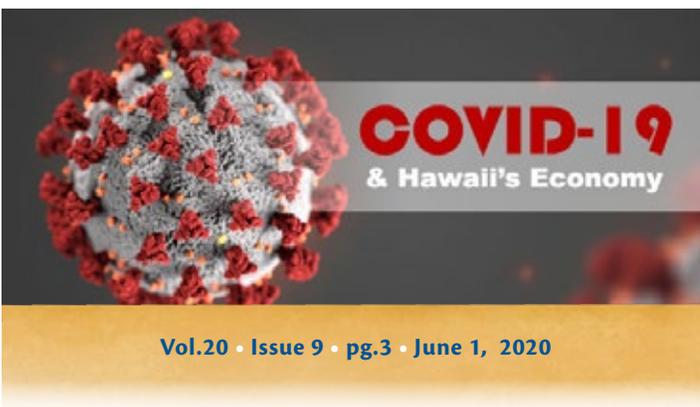
The Council of Revenues, the seven-member body responsible for estimating future tax is projecting a 7% decline in the economy for fiscal year 2020, a 12% decline in fiscal year 2021, followed by a 12% percent increase in fiscal year 2022 and annual increases thereafter. This will result in a \$2 billion deficit as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its most recent reconvening, the Legislature appropriated about \$562.5 million in CARES Act funds to the counties to provide COVID-19 response support, including rent subsidies, direct food



aid and business support to residents in need. Of the \$1.2 billion total, \$635 million of the CARES Act money will be moved into the State's Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund or "Rainy Day" fund to hold until a decision can be made in June on how to best use the funds.

"As we begin to reopen our economy, there are still many unknowns and that is why the Legislature will be reconvening in mid-June," noted Sen. English. "The Council of Revenues projections gives us a better understanding of the economic forecast and we will be taking that into consideration as we take another look at our State's financial situation when we reconvene."



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# REOPENING MAUI COUNTY CAUTIOUSLY AND SAFELY



Mayor Michael Victorino recently announced that the Governor approved Maui County's updated Public Health Emergency Rules to allow most businesses and services to reopen starting Monday, June 1.

The updated rules are available on the County of Maui's website at [MauiCounty.gov](http://MauiCounty.gov). It contains health and safety modifications that businesses need to follow to reopen and operate.

Most businesses will be allowed to reopen Monday, June 1, under the County's health and safety guidelines. Businesses need to follow modifications in State law and the Governor's rules. This list includes: Restaurants and other food establishments, including in-service dining (\*originally reopening June 5); Fitness and recreational facilities; Tattoo parlors; Aestheticians; and Massage therapists.

In-person religious services will be allowed to resume on Friday, May 29, with health and safety modifications.

These will remain CLOSED: Bars; Nightclubs; Theaters; Public Gathering Venues; Banquet Halls; County Community Centers; and County Gymnasiums.

All County parks and beach parks plan to reopen starting June 1.

The following public gathering areas will REOPEN: Clubhouses; Dog parks; Playgrounds; Skate parks.

Activities that are still NOT allowed: NO gatherings of more than 10 people; NO community events or large gatherings; NO organized or contact sports on County parks and beach parks; NO commercial activities on County parks and beach parks; and NO camping or use of any grills on County parks and beach parks.

